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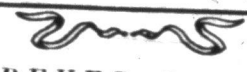
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Reports From Local Unions

Bricklayers and Masons' International Union of America

The regular meeting of the above union was held in the Trades Hall, on Tuesday evening, June 18. The officers and only a small proportion of the members were present, owing to the very warm evening and the big sale of unclaimed goods at the city hall. A great amount of business was transacted however, and five new candidates were initiated, besides three admitted by card.

Mr. Trotter, organiser for the Trades and Labor Congress attended and given permission to address the meeting. He spoke on unionism, and several questions were asked which he answered to the satisfaction of all members present. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Trotter and in response he expressed the hope that the B. & M. I. U. of A. would see its way clear to affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 25; it will be a summons meeting and every member must be present without fail.

Business:—Regular quarterly meeting, and the acceptance of suggestions for the coming labor day celebration.

T. A. S., asst. cor.-sec.

Painters, Paperhangers, and Decorators Union of America

The above local had a very busy session at their regular meeting on Monday last, June 17. The business included the election of a recording secretary and warden in place of H.

Waters and W. Waters, who have left the city for the coast. Bro. W. Ackerman was chosen for the former position and Bro. W. C. Walters for the latter. We also elected Bro. C. Barnes as one of the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council. Last but not least we had the pleasure of adding two new arrivals to our ranks. May this pleasure long continue till every painter in the city realises that it is his duty to his fellow workman and himself to join local 509 Regina.

W. E. C., fin.-sec.

TRADES & LABOR CONGRESS ORGANISER

Mr. W. R. Trotter, the organiser for the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada is at present in Regina. He has visited the local union of Bricklayers on Tuesday evening; the Amalgamated carpenters on Wednesday evening; the Brotherhood of carpenters on Thursday evening; on Friday evening he held an organisation meeting, and on Saturday will be a welcome attendant at the Trades and Labor Council.

All trade unionists are invited to the organisation meeting this evening when it is expected that a local union of Builders laborers will be formed, and chances seem good for the formation of another local.

From Regina Mr. Trotter goes on to Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and along the Crow's Nest line, returning by the main line and stopping over at all towns en route. He will also visit Edmonton.

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Provincial Labor Day Celebration

(Contributed.)

A Saskatchewan Labor Day-off, the first inter-urban celebration proposed in Canada! Why, of course every union man backs it up. May Regina see the grand good of it and make good.

Labor Day is an observance of recent years on this continent. In the last decade our southern brothers won popular favor for it only by the most devoted determination, and after exterminating many curious ideas as to its objects. Many of the larger cities had reluctantly placed it on the calendar because of the large percentage of their populations organized to honor it, but no form of national unanimity was existent. In 1892 we find the American Federation of Labor appealing to public and trades union sentiment (not for the first time) to create the first Monday in September a federal holiday by statute. In this, as in other labor legislation sought, a great difficulty existed in the hopeless diversity of scores of state, territorial and civic ordinances already in force; so that persuasion of any draft of a national bill upon the subject was indeed hard. However, workers were not slow to appreciate its significance; the popular mind became favorable, and on June 28, 1894, congress enacted it into a legal holiday.

Some years later, Canada also acceded after much petitioning by the workpeople.

Considering Europe as the only serious comparison to our organized

labor movement, the different operations of the propaganda there is most interesting. Reviewing briefly its outstanding expressions in order to connect them with holiday demonstrations, we perceive that the main promulgations emanate from France and Germany. This statement may be freely doubted; in fact it can hardly be substantiated in definition. Nevertheless, the distance that debars greater interest lends clearer appreciation of main features and prevents the confusion of intimacy. Britain has not been able to comprehend conditions on the continent. So it is seen that the centres of thought and agitation are the centres of action. Violent antagonisms have a common root. Theorems that sunder nations, imperil economic status and overwhelm statesmanship, multiply only as branches of one tree. Russia, Sweden, Italy—all the outposts of industrialism resolve their treatment of the toiling proletariat from the conceptions of these two countries.

To return to the point, Labor has no holidays in Europe, broadly speaking. The first of May is recognised, curiously, as an appropriate date to seek enchantment. Something of the belief that sees virtue in certain "campaigns of education" has persuaded these toilers that simultaneous demand is fruitful. The hopes, bitternesses of a year are compressed for this day, and then loosened in organised demonstrations. The same degree of violence is exhibited that any class in the country finds necessary to make an impression.

In America, our intelligent memberships let this day pass in peace. We have won a day for our use and use it better.

Every year labor day has good effect. The public is attracted to platforms to hear intelligent justification of trades unionism. Our mission, our aim is to educate fellow workers as much as to educate fellow citizen-

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Mr. Robert W. Service, who has been most appropriately called the Yukon Kipling, gives us a poem full of intense meaning and bitter truth entitled, "The Song of the Wage-Slave." The poem is written by one evidently well acquainted with the bitterness of toil and the struggle for bread—the last two lines of the second verse is the fearful though inarticulate thought of thousands of toilers in any of the great cities of the old countries:

When the long, long day is over, and the Big Boss gives me my pay I hope that it won't be hell-fire, as some of the parsons say.

And I hope that it won't be heaven, with some of the parsons I've met—

All I want is just quiet, just to rest and forget.

Look at my face, toil-furrowed; look at my calloused hands;

Master, I've done Thy bidding, wrought in Thy many lands—

Wrought for Thy little masters, big-bellied they be and rich;

I've done their desire for a daily hire and I die like a dog in the ditch

I have used the strength Thou hast given, Thou knowest I did not shirk,

Threescore years of labor—Thine be the long day's work.

We wonder if the time will ever arrive when the children of this fair Dominion will be compelled to say with those of the older countries; bowed down beneath the deadening influences of long hours and starvation wages: "I've done their desire for a daily hire and I die like a dog in the ditch"?

At any rate we hope not. We trust that a fairer destiny awaits, the children of men in this more favored land. Surely we shall profit by the experience of all that has gone before, and that the relations of capital and labor will be more equitable and just as our knowledge increases, and as we more fully appreciate and recognise the natural human fellowship of man with man.

Competition, sometimes called fair competition—and glibly spoken of as being the life of trade—is, and has, for years and years, been nothing less than a hideous, leering nightmare. Fair competition, forsooth, where employers vie with each other to produce

at a minimum of cost with a maximum of profit, regardless of the baleful influences of such a system on the lives of their employees. Man is a little better than a mere machine, Just so much better as environment and the privileges of education will permit him to be, and all those conditions that tend to lower and degrade the standard of man must be eliminated if the future generation of toilers is to be other than decrepit, degenerate unthinking men—mere objects in the guise of men.—In whose lives the pleasantest sound is the toot of the horn or the call of the bell, which heralds their daily liberation from toil. All work is, or should be, honorable. It is the associations, the conditions to which one must bow in order to work which are dishonorable, and it is but just and right that men should be redeemed from forces that brutalize and degrade all that is in them noblest. Recent statistics show us that the percentage of children employed in factories and sweatshops is less today than ever before. One hopeful sign of the times at anyrate. One assurance that the bitter cry of these victims of competition, the mournful agonizing cry of multitudes born to abject poverty and sin, without hope, ambition or aim, and with no opportunities whatever of knowing anything of the beauties or charms of this fair world, is at last being heard. May the time come and come quickly when the child labor evil will be past, when the employment of children under fifteen years of age will be a thing of a bygone age, some wierd dream or hideous nightmare of a barbarous past to be thought of only with tenderest pity.

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Provincial Labor Day Celebration

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ens. As numerical strength goes, the variety of entertainment widens. All are benefitted, whether by association, or merely dissociation from work.

Now the provincial scope should be an inspiration. Instead of a few puny celebrations overshadowed by counter attractions, we may all meet together befitting the day. No long orations, marching, ceremonies or sports, may exclude a man from the pleasure of an hour according to his fancy, if the programme is rightly arranged. But let us determine first to gather in the Capital City, making it the largest concourse the province has ever witnessed and the first example of broad harmony in the Dominion ranks.

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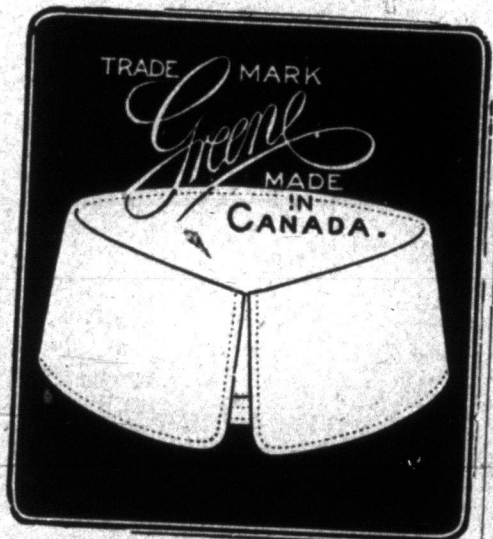
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TRADE UNIONISM

(Contributed by Jas. D. Simson.)

Trade Unions are voluntary associations of workmen formed in the first instance for mutual protection and assistance in securing for members the most favorable conditions possible in their particular trades. They aim at establishing a minimum living wage—a wage that will enable a workman to live in comfort, clothe and educate his children, and save a little money to help him pass through the evening of his life, which is generally the hardest time a workman has to face, when he is aged and broken down in health, and when his former employers look upon him as no good, as a man not worth keeping on.

They aim at improving the conditions under which their members spend the greater part of the work day. It is a certain fact that had not trade unions drawn the attention of the public to the sweatshops and factories where men, women and children were herded together and were starved and worked to death by unscrupulous employers, the mortality from the great white plague, to say nothing about countless other diseases, would have been far greater than it is. It is appalling to think of what some employers of labor would do were they not in a measure forced to acknowledge the existence of an organisation to prevent the abuse of their employees. It makes our blood run cold when we hear and read of the conditions under which many of our brothers and sisters have to work—how they have to spend long hours in foul smelling insanitary workshops without proper accommodations, to see them after their hours of toil crawl to some wretched hovel and throw themselves on a heap of rags to await the coming of another day.

One purpose of a trade union is

to protect suffering humanity in the shape of its members, from the greed and selfishness of rapacious employers. Fair and honest employers there are—all honor to them; but in some communities the bad outnumber the good, and the sad spectacle is then witnessed of the rights of humanity being ignored, and men, women and children trampled under foot in the mad rush after the almighty dollar.

"Thank God," said President Lincoln in 1860, "we have a system of labor whereby there can be a strike. Whatever the pressure there is a point where the working man may stop." Yes, thank God for trade unions. Much as we deplore the necessity for strikes, in some instances they cannot be avoided. Formerly this was the only means by which a union could attain the end it had in view, but by the enormous growth of unions, their recognition by law, and the diminution of the prejudices that existed against them, the officials and executives of unions have been enabled to approach employers by boards of conciliation and arbitration, and thereby avert strikes. It is extremely rare for any union to contest the award of the arbitrators, it is to be admitted that there have been exceptions. These exceptions, however, have been so few in number that it is unfair to allege that the unions do not loyally abide by the decisions of the arbitrators, even when it is against them. Strikes are deplorable, and the unions avoid them as far as possible, although passion sometimes gets the better of reason on one side or the other, and a strike or lockout occurs which might have been prevented.

Some opponents of organized labor put forth the argument that unions are formed solely for the purpose of promoting strikes, that when one union is not striking it is helping another to strike, and that they care for nothing but higher wages, which, if obtained would be spent in degrading and ignorant debauchery. Surely if these people would study the philosophy of unionism, read the records

of trade unions and investigate their methods, surely their eyes would be opened and they would see what a great work unionism was doing for the working classes in every country. The great English professor of political economy, Thorold Rogers, said thirty years ago: "I look to the trade unions as the principal means for benefitting the condition of the working classes." Could he see today what they have done, his verdict would be, "Well Done."

There is still a vast amount of work to do, still many obstacles to overcome, before the purpose of trade unionism shall have been attained, but there are willing workers, there are brave hearts, there are fresh recruits to the army of labor every day, and the end is not yet. To all men who toil in darkness, who suffer in silence, there comes a word, a message of hope. That word is ORGANISE! Yes, organise and take your stand in the ranks today:

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life;
Be not like dumb, driven cattle,
Be a hero in the strife."

—Longfellow.

All arrangements have been made for the convention of textile workers which will be held in Montreal on June 22. Delegates will be in attendance from all parts of Canada.

In trade unionism as in other activities, success often attends those who know how to wait—and work.

TRADE UNION CARDS

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF Carpenters and Joiners, Regina No. 1867, meets every Thursday night in Trades Hall. President D. E. McLean; Vice Pres., Albert Phillips; Treasurer, J. C. Metatall; Fin.-Sec., W. J. Grant; Warden, W. A. Fahey; Conductor, S. F. Musk. Secretary's address: W. J. Grant, Regina, Sask.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF Carpenters and Joiners, local meets semi-monthly, in Trades Hall. President, J. Burland; Secretary, A. S. Wells; Treasurer, W. B. Bird. Secretary's address: A. S. Wells, Regina, Sask.

REGINA TRADES AND LABOR Council meets second and fourth Saturdays, in Trades Hall. President Thos. M. Molloy; Vice-President A. Luhm; Fin.-Sec'y, Geo. T. Walker; Corresponding Secretary, Hugh Peat; Warden, W. Watson; Statistician, W. E. Cocks. Secretary's address, Hugh Peat, P.O. Box 39, Regina.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 657, Regina, meets first Saturday in Trades Hall. President, J. M. Norris; Vice-President, Thos. M. Molloy; Fin.-Secretary, Jas. D. Simson; Rec.-Sec'y, W. Stevens; Sergt-at-Arms, Jno. McLeod. Secretary's address, Jas. D. Simson, P.O. Box 838, Regina, Sask.

BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS International Union of America, Saskatchewan No. 1. Meets every Tuesday in Trades Hall. President, W. McIlroy; Vice President, Wm. Brent; Treasurer, H. Walker; Recording Secretary W. Lockwood; Fin.-Sec'y, W. A. Chambers. Secretary's address W. A. Chambers, Box 941, Regina.

UNITED ASSOCIATION JOUR- neymen Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Gas Fitters of America, meets alternate Mondays in Trades Hall. President, Wm. Watson, Vice President J. R. Graham; Fin.-Secretary, George T. Walker, Treasurer, Samuel McLarty. Secretary's address: Geo. T. Walker, Regina, Sask.

PAINTERS, DECORATORS AND Paperhangers of America, local meets in Trades Hall, semi-monthly. Secretary's address: W. E. Cocks, Box 1015, Regina, Sask.

**EMPLOYING PLUMBERS READY TO
ARBITRATE**

Toronto, June 18.—Many well-known labor speakers were present at the meeting of the striking plumbers in the Labor Temple last night. Jas. Simpson and David Carey both delivered addresses and the gist of all the orations was that there should be no weakening on the part of the plumbers' union.

It was intimated in the afternoon that the strike would not last long, but the officers declared last night that nothing but absolute surrender on the part of the employers would bring about an agreement so soon.

In the meantime there is some talk of arbitration. A number of the employers are said to be anxious to come to terms, and it is not improbable that the two parties may be brought together within the next day or two.

Another big batch of non-union men who came over from the States to take the places of the strikers, were captured by the pickets yesterday and induced to join the ranks of the strikers.

Firms ready to Settle

Everything appears to be shaping towards a settlement of the machinist's strike. Two of the largest employing firms of the city intimated yesterday that they would discuss matters with a committee of the men with a view to settling the trouble, and at a later hour in the afternoon a meeting was arranged. The shops that asked for a conference employ so many hands that if they arrange matters satisfactorily the strike will be practically at an end, and unless some unforeseen difficulty presents itself there seems no doubt but that the machinists' strike will be at an end in two or three days.

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three non-union men on the job. The strikers included all trades and the work is completely tied up.

Mr. Sinclair, who is a member of the international board of the Street Railway Men's Union, returned to the city yesterday morning after spending some time in Ottawa adjusting matters between the company and the men.

A settlement satisfactory to all parties had been arranged, Mr. Sinclair said.

The Labor Day Committee of the Montreal National Trades and Labor Council is making arrangements to have one of the largest demonstrations in the history of their organization. The committee state that no foreign flags of any kind will be allowed in the line of march. All the badges and regalia used will be made in Canada and everything in connection with the celebration will be distinctly Canadian.

The Cloven Hoof at Prince Albert

When it was noted that the western Associated Boards of Trade would meet at Prince Albert, we freely expected that the Manufacturers' Association would not allow such a splendid opportunity to pass without having one of their "labor-skinning" resolutions adopted, if possible, by an apparently innocent aggregation, and our experience shows that it is generally possible. Further an examination of the list of delegates to this convention left little doubt as to the source from which such a resolution would emanate. In neither surmise were we at fault. The resolution was moved by Mr. Cunningham of Edmonton, seconded by R. J. Hutchings of Calgary, who it will be noted is vice president and manager of the Great West Saddlery Co. The antagonism of the heads of this firm to organized labor is common property on both sides of the Atlantic, and the C.M.A. are to be congratulated that both in Winnipeg and Calgary they have such fearless exponents of their various schemes in regard to the flooding of the labor market so that with a large unemployed surplus the manufacturers will have a chance to get their labor "dirt cheap" and so hasten the time when they may deport to California or the Bermudas for the remainder of their natural or unnatural lives.

The movers of the resolution asking the government to further flood a crowded labor market in Western Canada apparently never expected any opposition in their own convention, or care might possibly have been taken to suppress the honest statements thus made. The position of the convention was correctly estimated by Mr. H. V. Rorison when he said that "the convention was treading on dangerous ground, and it was not for a handful of commercial men to dictate to the great family of labor." Mr. Rorison's view would be a bitter pill to the labor-skinners, and no doubt they will do their best before another convention to teach him that the Manufacturers' Association has a God-given right to dictate

not only to the great family of labor, but to everybody and everything else. The "dictation" of a quartette of these individuals in the city of Winnipeg is now regularly looked for; but their connection being so well known their efforts are generally innocuous.

Mr. H. W. Laird, of Regina, is also to be complimented for stating the truth that "there was all the labor in Saskatchewan that was required," and that "there was no dearth of skilled or unskilled laborers."

Mr. R. J. Hutchings presumed not a little upon the ignorance of the delegates in regard to the lumber industry when he pointed out "that the dearth of lumber, and the inability of the transportation companies to complete their construction programs was ENTIRELY DUE TO THE SCARCITY OF LABOR." This effort on the part of one manufacturer to cover up the sins of those in the lumber combine would be pathetic if it were not so openly ridiculous.

We append a cutting from the Manitoba Free Press of June 19th for the information of any delegates who might be disposed to believe the statements made, just to show that other people have ideas:

"One reason for the advance in lumber prices in the west is that the Japanese government has given orders to Vancouver lumber mills for five million feet of lumber to be used for car building for the new railway line running north from Dalny through Manchuria."—Free Press.

The prime reason for the increase of lumber prices will be found in the ring of "get-rich-quick" people who do not employ white men in their mills, because they find Chinamen a cheaper item, and would not employ a white man where a coolie slave could be obtained. We do not make these remarks for the benefit of the Manager of the Great West Saddlery Co., as he is as well aware of the facts as we are; but the ideas of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association must be ventilated, whether violence be done to the truth or not.—Wansbeck Mernoth.

MRS. FISKE

Regina to Have First Metropolitan Production

It is now certain that Regina is to be treated to a performance of the greatest star and most talented company before the American people. Robert B. Price, special press representative of the Fiske Canadian trip confirmed the announcement that some weeks ago created so much interest and seemed almost too good to be true. Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, the pride of the American stage and of the intellectual world, supported by the Manhattan Company will present Langdon Mitchell's successful comedy "The New York Ideal," in the Auditorium rink, on Thursday, July 4th.

Mrs. Fiske has long held the attention of the public not only on account of her distinguished career as an actress, her mental capacity in literature and arts, her beautiful life as a woman, but because of her daring and successful fight against the theatrical syndicate who are rapidly controlling the theatres and attractions in the United States. Mrs. Fiske is now, and has ever been the leader of the valiant group who decry the death of art and enthronement of commercialism in the sacre portals of the drama. This energetic opposition has resulted in all syndicate houses being closed to her, compelling her to make long expensive railroad jumps, play in second class or vaudeville theatres, and even under a tent. But no matter what the opposition or what the surroundings, the people flocked to hear and Mrs. Fiske's tours are the most successful of any American actress.

A group of public minded citizens of Calgary and Regina, hearing that Mrs. Fiske could not play any towns in the United States between Seattle and St. Paul, commissioned Mr. Willis of Calgary to offer a fixed sum

for the attraction to appear in five towns in the west. Mr. Willis agreed to pay Mrs. Fiske's managers the largest guarantees ever given a dramatic organisation, and has begun to convert the rinks of Edmonton, Regina and Brandon into comfortable auditoriums with modern stages and lighting, and will present the attraction in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon and Winnipeg, using the Dominion theatre in the latter place.

Typical New York people of the inner circles of metropolitan society are the persons represented in Mrs. Fiske's new play, "The New York ideal" Langdon Mitchell who wrote this present day satire, knows these people. Cynthia Karlake, heroine, is a young woman of exceeding beauty and brilliancy of charm and vivacity. Brought up with more thought for the frivolities than the realities of the ordinary everyday life, it is not surprising that she should have sought a South Dakota divorce, and thus occasioned the complications that make up Mr. Mitchell's clever plot. At heart, though, she is genuine and true, which makes the happy ending of the play a logical ending as well. Jack Karlake, Cynthia's husband, is a big hearted energetic lawyer, with an optimistic spirit that is cheery in spite of reverses. He has a recing stable to divide attention with his practice and impair his fortune. Around these central figures move a variety of contracting characters. One is a ponderous long worded judge, who carries the dignity of the bench into his drawing room. Another is a horsey, quic't witted English gentleman, quite different from the stolid, stupid Britisher who exists only on the stage. Another is a fashionable clergyman, who sees only good in his parishioners. Another an utterly frivolous smart divorcee, in search of another husband. Then there are various representatives of an exclusive old colonial family, and numerous other characters, who take an active part in the play. They are all real people though their existence is as artificial as that of real people of their class.

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